

SHRI JASPAT ROY KAPOOR: May I know when is the learned doctor coming to Delhi and what is his programme here?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Dr. Rosen came to India on a private visit, and he has been to Delhi. He is not coming here again. He has returned to his own country.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know whether the Government will take some steps to see that the doctor visits Delhi again so that the different Ministers and other Members of Parliament who require his help may get it?

(No reply)

CONSTRUCTION OF AN OVER/UNDER BRIDGE NEAR SHORANUR RAILWAY STATION ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY

*388. **SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR:** Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on their proposal for the construction of an over or an under bridge near Shoranur Railway station on the Southern Railway; and

(b) if not, what are the difficulties in giving effect to the proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). The question of providing arrangements whereby the detention at the level crossing at the Mangalore end of Shoranur Junction Station yard could be minimised or avoided was gone into in detail in 1947 at the instance of the *ex*-Cochin Government. The proposal was however dropped, as it was found that the cost of providing an overbridge at this crossing would be prohibitive.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: May I know if the Government are aware that since that investigation the Madras Government have estimated the cost of the bridge to be Rs. 3 lakhs, and that the Panchayat Board of Shoranur has

agreed to pay half the cost? There was some correspondence in 1954.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I am not aware of the latest estimate that was worked out by the Madras Government. But I am aware that this project has been included in the plans that were submitted by the *ex*-Travancore-Cochin Government, and they had given it the fifth priority. It is hoped that this project will be taken up sometime in 1958 or 1959.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: In view of the Shoranur Railway Station road being the main arterial road and in view of the heavy traffic on that road, may I know if the Government will expedite construction of the bridge?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: If the matter is put up to the Government of India through the State Government, we will certainly look into that.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Is it not an obligation on the part of the Railways to put up these overbridges or underbridges at all important railway crossings? There is a rule to that effect, I believe. May I know whether there is such an obligation on the part of the Railways?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: The overbridges or underbridges are constructed wherever there is justification for them. The policy has been laid down whereby the expense of constructing such overbridges is shared between the State Governments and the Railways. Where the State Governments show their willingness to share the expense, the Railways are always very co-operative.

BUSES OF THE DELHI TRANSPORT SERVICE

*389. **SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Delhi Transport Service buses plying at present in the cities of Delhi and New Delhi;